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GERMANY (RUSSIAN ZONE)

ECONOMIC

STEEL PLANT SITREP (JUNE/JULY 1951)

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1. Eisenhuetten Kombinat Ost, FUERSTENBERG:

(a) Two coppers have already been completed and a third is nearing completion. The first small delivery of iron ore from KRIVROY ROG (250 t) has arrived at the plant; further deliveries are expected.

(b) The finance department of the SKK has objected to the investment of so large a sum as DM (East) 85 Mill. in the erection of the coke oven plant at this works, and final approval of the project has been delayed. Plans for the construction of such ovens have now been obtained from Poland.

(c) The formation of labour brigades ("Arbeitsbrigaden") has now begun to show its effect and resulted in considerable progress during the last month, especially on the ancillary plant and equipment. The ramming of piles at the special canal inland port under construction has been completed and these new dock walls have already been backed up with clay. The dredging of the canal itself is now under way.

2. Eisenwerk West, CALBE/Saale:

(a) Prof. SAEUBERLICH, fnu, of Maxhuetten, UNTERWELLENBORN, has now been appointed technical chief for the control of the erection of this entire plant.

(b) The concrete foundations for four "Niederschacht" furnaces have been completed. The outer covers for three coppers and half an outer cover for a washer (streamer) have also been completed. One works hall of approximately 150 m. length has been finished as far as the steel construction, brickwork and roofing is concerned, though no glazing has yet been carried out. Concrete ore bunkers are now being built.

(c) "Niederschacht" furnace No. 1 is scheduled to commence operating on 1st October 1951.

3. Maxhuetten, UNTERWELLENBORN:

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(a) The air pre-heater of the "Niederschacht" is reaching temperatures up to 1 200° C. This trial furnace, which is charged with brown coal briquettes, is now producing a satisfactory type of raw-iron. Prof. SAEUBERLICH, fnu, who has been chiefly responsible for the successful development of this new type of furnace, which has the advantage for the DDR of being able to smelt low grade ores with the use of only brown coal briquettes, has been recommended for the DDR "Nationalpreis" as a reward for this technical achievement. (Value = DM (East) 100,000.--)

(b) The trial "Niederschacht" furnace is shortly to be pulled down, since the fire-proof materials have suffered unduly during the trials. It is to be re-erected immediately, this work being scheduled to take up 24 working days.

(c) Blast furnace coke, which had formerly been supplied to this plant from the CSR in quantity, is now being imported from Poland. The quality of these new imports is stated to be unsuitable for the purpose.

(d) The total rolling mill production at this plant for June 1951 again amounted to approximately 30,000 t.

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4. VEB HENNINGSDORF:

The new Electro-furnace at this plant commenced operating on 3rd July 1951. (Furnace No: 1 = 5 t.)

5. VEB RIESA:

Siemens-Martin furnace No. 9 (60 t.) commenced operating in early July 1951. Director KEMPNY, fnu, has been recommended for the DDR "Nationalpreis".

6. VEB BRANDENBURG:

Siemens-Martin furnace No.8 commenced operating on 7th July 1951, i.e. three months ahead of schedule.

All the digging work for the foundations of the rolling mill plant section is now under way. The building of the chimneys for the rolling mill furnaces has been completed.

7. Zentrales Konstruktionsbuero (ZKB), BERLIN and LEIPZIG:

The office is a component part of the HV Metallurgie of the DDR Ministry of Heavy Industry. It is responsible for the production of all projects (new or alterations) of the iron and steel plants of the DDR. All details on electrical matters concerning these plans, however, rest with the HV Metallurgie. The ZKB is furthermore responsible for the actual supply of all the component parts of the required heavy equipment it plans, whether by imports or by ordering such plant at suitable works in the DDR. As soon as a project has been sufficiently developed, the ZKB passes its plans to the VEB "Industrie-Entwurf". This latter office then has to work out all the relevant constructional, technical building details (i.e. strength of foundation required for a rolling mill.) The actual constructional work as such is, once final approval has been obtained from the HV Metallurgie for any given project, then delegated to the "Bau-Union". This VEB enterprise can, if not capable of executing any such order itself, sub-contract with private firms. The ZKB, however, remains fully responsible for the executive control of all the various types of work concerned with the entire project.

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Central Transport

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a) for the month of August 51 a total of 25,302 goods trucks daily had been applied for and [REDACTED] a total of 24,950 goods trucks daily had been allocated.

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b) so far only 113,000 ton transport space for the month of August had been applied for in respect of long distance road motor transport (over 50 km) whilst capacity for 210,000 tons was available.

c)

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d) GDS, with a capacity of 910,000 tons for the month of August, had received transport applications for only 780,000 tons

e) GDS failed to complete its transport 'Soll' in July owing to coal imports from POLAND falling far below schedule.

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